



Congressional Relations Office

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
United States Senate
12 The Circle
Georgetown, DE 19947

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Dear Senator Carper:

I write in response to your March 6 inquiry on behalf of your constituents, Mr. David Bromberg and Mrs. Nancy Josephson, regarding the Bromberg American Violin Collection. The Library has also provided the following information in a communication to Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson.

The Library would be pleased to accept the collection as a gift, if Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson can also raise and donate to the Library \$200,000 in private funding necessary to provide programming and maintenance of the collection.

The Library's interest is in the collection in its entirety. Additionally, while we cannot speak for future administrations, the current Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, is happy to accept the collection during her tenure.

The Library of Congress continues to be grateful for David's gift of papers pertaining to his legendary career as a guitar virtuoso and fiddle collector, and we hope to provide a home for this unique and comprehensive collection of American-made violins, as well.

I hope Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson find this information helpful. I appreciate your contacting me for assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me again should you need additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ott

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Director